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September 25, 2007

Economic Development Council
Of the Bloomington-Normal Area
Attn: Mr. Martin K. Vanags, CEO
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Normal, IL 61761

**Re: Illinois Commerce Commission Docket No. 07-0446
September 17th Support for Enbridge Pipelines**

Dear Mr. Vanags:

Your September 17, 2007 Letter to the Illinois Commerce Commission troubles me. It raises serious issues as to the ability of the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington-Normal Area to consider the needs of our community. At this very very early stage I have no idea where you found your facts to support your conclusion that Enbridge is a lead company, that the pipeline as originally proposed is essential to our area's long-term goals, that the location of the pipeline near Bloomington will have no impact on the future development and growth, that better options do not exist, and that "the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington/Normal Area is in full support of this proposal and encourages the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve Enbridge's application at the earliest possible date".

Thank you.

Troubled but very truly yours,



Paul A. Meints, Esq., CLU ChFC

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Cc: Honorable Charles E. Box, Chair
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

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Honorable Charles E. Box, Chair
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701

**RE: ICC DOCKET NO. 07-0446
ENBRIDGE PIPELINES (ILLINOIS) L.L.C APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN
GOOD STANDING**

Dear Mr. Box:

I am writing in support of Enbridge's application for a Certificate in Good Standing with the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding its proposed Southern Access Extension Pipeline.

It is the mission of the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington/Normal Area to attract new business and industry and to coordinate the creation and retention of primary and secondary jobs, thereby generating new earnings and capital investment in McLean County. Our strategic plan calls for the creation of 1,000 high-paid full time equivalent jobs in McLean County by 2010, thus making the Enbridge pipeline expansion project, and the 500 jobs that it will bring to our area, important to our long-term goals.

Enbridge is a lead company in construction and subsequent operation of natural gas pipelines built to bringing a much needed natural gas supply to our region. With petroleum refineries demanding increased petroleum supply from the oil sands of western Canada, Enbridge is stepping forward to provide the pipeline infrastructure required to satisfy this demand. Therefore, the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington/Normal Area is in full support of this proposal and encourages the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve Enbridge's application at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Martin K. Vanags
Chief Executive Officer
Economic Development Council of the Bloomington/Normal Area

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